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1. In April, the Intelligence Producers Council (IPC) Staff requested that your organizations provide update materials for The Compendium of Interagency Coordinating Mechanisms. The information you have provided has been incorporated into the attached draft. Since the document was last updated in 1985, there have been extensive changes among the organizations of the Intelligence Community. The IPC Staff requests that you review these data to ensure that the information is current and complete.

Please provide your response to the IPC Staff 13 July for inclusion in the final document. Responses are required only if your organization has additions, changes or deletions. Lack of response will be considered concurrence.

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Note to the Reader

This reference aid supersedes the IPC document (IPC 85- 10001) entitled "Intelligence Community Interface: A Compendium of Interagency Coordinating Mechanisms: An Update," published in August 1985. new aid incorporates changes and additions recommended by Community elements. It also identifies new Community coordinating mechanisms and working groups, provides a more detailed breakout of some DCI Production Committees, and supplements the previous list of interagency coordinating mechanisms by adding the names and functions of consultative groups advising the DCI on matters relating to intelligence collection, exploitation, and production. A few mechanisms listed in the previous edition of this document were deleted since they no longer exist.

The Intelligence Producers Council (IPC) Staff appreciates the contribution made by Community elements in the preparation of this document and hopes that they will continue to keep it up to date. To this end, we request that recipients inform the IPC Staff (376-5580) as they note needed changes.

If recipients of this document would like more information on the mechanisms listed in this document, they are welcome to call the IPC Staff. Information on DCI Production and Collection as well as DCI advisory groups may be obtained from the respective Executive Secretaries and/or staff whose location and telephone numbers are listed below:

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Preface

The intelligence process--collection, processing, analysis, production, and dissemination--requires continued and effective communication among collection and production elements in the Intelligence Community. To further such communication, a number of interagency coordinating mechanisms--both formal and informal-- are available for analysts and managers from various intelligence components to use for collection problems, research, or intelligence production. Some mechanisms have representatives from all agencies in the Community and address broad subject areas, while others are confined to a relatively small group who focus on much narrower topics. As an aid to analysts, this paper lists and describes existing mechanisms within the Community and elsewhere in the Executive Branch of government that serve as an interface on intelligence research and production.(1) It also includes a listing of Community groups with which analysts can work to improve collection and exploitation in their substantive areas. High-level DCI advisory groups whose actions may impact on intelligence analyses and production are also listed in the paper.

(1)This paper does not include the senior interagency groups (SIGs) nor interagency groups (IG's) that assist the NSC in fulfilling its responsibilities. While the above groups, both regional and functional, may discuss intelligence matters, their focus is to establish policy objectives, develop policy options, make appropriate recommendations, and consider the implications of agency programs for foreign policy or overall national security policy.

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The Intelligence Community and the Need for Interface

The Intelligence Community (IC) is charged by Executive Order with the responsibility for carrying out intelligence activities necessary for the conduct of foreign relations and the protection of the national security of the United States. (See page 8 for responsibilities and activities of the principal components of the Intelligence Community). These activities include the collection of information needed by senior government officials, and the production and dissemination of finished intelligence. The ability of the Community to carry out these activities successfully depends to a great extent on continual and effective communication between personnel of various intelligence components, and dialogue with policymaking elements in the US Government.

As with large organizations, there are formal and informal channels within the Community for analysts and collectors to communicate among themselves. Interagency mechanisms have been established to promote both types of communication. They include groups concerned with research, analysis, and production and others that focus on collection and exploitation. There are also mechanisms (e.g., groups sponsored by the National Security Council or meetings initiated by State Department regional bureaus) outside the Intelligence Community that provide a forum for discussion among intelligence and policymaking elements.

Close coordination among Community elements is not limited to working-level analysts. There are also mechanisms in the Community at policy and management levels that facilitate coordination in establishing guidance for production and collection planning; in identifying solutions to production and collection resource problems; and in approving interagency intelligence products such as National Intelligence Estimates and interagency Intelligence Memorandum. These mechanisms and those at the working level are discussed in the sections that follow.

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